

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SCOTTSDALE STADIUM 7408 E. OSBORN SCOTTSDALE, AZ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Stan Koczka, Chair

Harry Schlegelmilch, Vice Chair Jeanne Alspaugh, Commissioner

David Brown, Commissioner (departed at 6:01 p.m.)

Virginia Harris, Commissioner Michael Seiden, Commissioner Anne Wurth, Commissioner

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Director

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager

Jona Davis, Recreation Supervisor

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager

Juan Gonzalez, Recreation Leader II

Hugh McGill, LPC Parks and Recreation Manager

Kira Peters, Recreation Supervisor

Jody Pierce, Landscape Contracts Coordinator

Reed Pryor Mike Ruggiero

Chris Thom, Assistant Recreation Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Koczka called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

A formal roll call noted the presence of a quorum.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to comment.

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Moment of Silence

The Commission observed a moment of silence.

1. Approval of the Minutes

a) Regular Meeting: November 17, 2012

VICE CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

2. Youth Sports Allocation Program

Chris Thom, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, said the Youth Sports Allocation Program works with 25 organizations, accommodating 12,000 youth annually on 100 fields at 27 locations. The use of key code access boxes and Musco web-based lighting control systems has reduced City expenses and curtailed unauthorized uses. She briefly described the Youth Allocation Policy, and explained how field reservations are prioritized.

Jody Pierce, Landscape Contracts Coordinator, provided a recap of recent and upcoming projects at each facility, and discussed field utilization levels. He explained the overlapping responsibilities for field maintenance between the City and the various schools. Jona Davis, Recreation Supervisor, demonstrated how field demand continues to exceed supply at peak times, and described the City's billing process. Jan Cameron, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Director, explained Special Revenue Funds.

Commissioners asked questions and submitted comments.

3. Handlebar Helpers Program

Kira Peters, Recreation Supervisor, said citizens who wanted to help youth volunteers earn bicycles started Handlebar Helpers in 1994. The Earn a Bike Program has been expanded to include adults and now incorporates other bicycling initiatives as well. Two part-time staff and volunteers run the shop. Juan Gonzalez, Recreation Leader II, described the apprenticeship program and bike programs available to City employees and the homeless. He explained that most people learn about the program through word of mouth.

Commissioners asked questions and touted the benefits of the program.

4. Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Schlegelmilch reported that the Fees and Charges Committee continues to make progress. Several Commissioners shared stories from the Holiday Harmony event. Commissioner Harris described the Veterans Day ceremony. Commissioner Alspaugh requested a preview tour of the new Tony Nelssen Center.

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Chair Koczka talked about recent visits to McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, the Paiute Center, and the Via Linda Senior Center. He attended a meeting of the Bond Task Force. Once the bond election is authorized, City staff cannot engage in advocacy, and support will have to come from citizens. New Pinnacle Peak volunteers have been engaging in a comprehensive training program. A preliminary meeting was held to discuss the establishment of a new foundation.

5. <u>Director's Report of Current Events (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)</u>

Jan Cameron reported that the City Treasurer has asked that department budgets remain flat. The next two weeks will be spent developing the initial Parks and Recreation budget. The Bond Task Force is considering a number of carryover projects from the previous bond, as well as some new ones. Their next meeting is December 11.

Ms. Cameron said Holiday Lights runs from December 14 through January 5. The Jingle Hike at Pinnacle Peak is December 8. The City recently acquired 6,400 acres of land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Parks and Recreation launched a redesigned e-newsletter. The Scottsdale Sports Complex is hosting the Santan Holiday Soccer Classic this weekend, and is expecting 2,500 participants and spectators. The complex is also hosting the Arizona Soccer Showcase from December 27 through 31.

Ms. Cameron said El Dorado Aquatic Center will be closed for maintenance from December 17 through January 13. Club SAR is renovating locker rooms from December 17 through January 1. The San Francisco Giants announced their spring schedule, which includes 17 home games and kicks off on February 23. The 2013 Waste Management Open runs January 28 through February 3. A behind the scenes logistics tour is being planned for the Commission. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 16. Mr. Davis noted that one game in the World Baseball Classic will be played at Scottsdale Stadium on March 14.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

<u>Adjournment</u>

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

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